

## Bridging The Chasm With a Brick

A Greek, penniless and hungry, walking a New York street a few nights ago, paused in front of a brilliantly lighted window. Within was the dining room of one of New York's greatest hotels. The room was elaborately decorated. The tables were resplendent with silver and spotless linen, and well clothed, happy looking men and women sat at the tables eating and drinking. The scene spelled luxury, the possession of everything the homeless, hungry man longed for and lacked and saw no way of acquiring.

The longer he looked, the hungrier he became and presently resentment began to rise. It seemed unfair that these people should have so much and he so little; that they should waste more than would feed him; that they, just human beings like himself, should be satiated and he hungry.

The Greek picked up a brick and crashed it through the window. Particles of glass sprayed among the nearest diners and there was a panic. Food was forgotten and the dining room emptied.

The Greek was arrested. He could not tell why he threw the brick. He merely could say he was homesick for Greece.

Of course he could not tell why he threw the brick, and possibly the police would not have understood had he been able to say it was in protest against conditions which seemed unfair and which he could not see a way to remedy; and, as for the rich clad, well fed people within, an attempt to bridge the gap between his world and theirs.

It has been ruled that New Mexico militiamen on duty at the border cannot vote in the coming state election, but they have other troubles. They will lose little sleep over voting. The party leaders and the candidates can do the worrying about that.

## The Danish West Indies

All unbeknownst to the American people as a whole, it appears the United States is to acquire some territory. We are to buy the Danish West Indies from Denmark for \$25,000,000. Arrangements have been completed by the state department and the Danish government, and all that remains is the ratification of the treaty of sale by the American senate and the Danish parliament. This last is important, for twice before either the senate or the parliament has balked and thus blocked the transfer of the islands. This time it appears, however, that Denmark is surely pressed for money, her commerce having been greatly hampered by the war, and the sale is more likely of consummation.

Denmark has proven the wisdom of holding fast to a good piece of real estate to reap the full benefit of a rising market. During president Roosevelt's administration, negotiations were undertaken between the United States and Denmark regarding these islands. The price then named was \$5,000,000. The deal fell through and now Denmark is to receive just five times that price.

Three islands are to be transferred to the United States—St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. St. Thomas lies about 50 miles off the east coast of Porto Rico. St. John is about 25 miles east of St. Thomas, and St. Croix, a long narrow island, extending east and west and about as large as the other two combined, lies about 50 miles south of them.

The island of St. Croix has two towns, Christianstad and Frederikstad, both seaports. St. Thomas has one town of some importance, Charlotte Amalie. The three islands show up a little larger than pin-points on the map. Jamaica is much larger than all three of them, and so, from a standpoint of real estate, \$25,000,000 will seem to many an American an outrageous price to pay.

From a military viewpoint, however, the islands are important. They afford good naval bases and coaling

stations. As a submarine base in time of war they would be valuable. Further, they virtually command the Caribbean sea, and submarines or larger warships would immediately menace a foreign fleet entering the Caribbean, moving to attack the Panama canal.

## A Sensible Heiress

A nurse in Phoenix, when informed she had inherited \$50,000, heard the news calmly and went on nursing. The evident surprise and disappointment of the newspaper men. What did they expect her to do? To dust off a spot on the ground and throw a fit?

The nurse showed sense. She went on with the work for which she had trained herself and which she liked above other kinds of work. She preferred work to the idleness she might enjoy with her \$50,000. She felt no desire for a splurge or for any kind of a change. She realized in what way she had been most contented before the money came, and recognized, undoubtedly, that greatest happiness lay in following the path to which training and practice had accustomed her.

In short, the nurse intended to let her fortune add to her life instead of upsetting it.

Really, now, wasn't she more wise than if she had cast aside her work and tried to start a whirlwind of "enjoyment"?

Who can say Grant county, New Mexico, isn't coming along when its property valuation for taxation purposes shows a net increase of \$1,793,324.20 for a year? Its total assessed valuation is \$24,419,819.20, making it the richest county in the state.

Gen. Trevino says Villa is not menacing Torreon, but he is. Villa menaces any community as long as he is anywhere in its vicinity. As a menace, he is as bad as the smallpox.

## Changing Diplomacy

Diplomacy has changed. Time was when diplomacy consisted in an exchange of communications expressing in ornate courtesy nothing in particular, but meaning "We may have to fight you tomorrow." Diplomacy then came to stand for the honeyed expression of what one didn't mean, and diplomats used to read carefully each snave word in such a note in an attempt to uncover its hidden threat.

No longer thus. Modern diplomacy is brisk to the point of being blunt. Washington writes a note saying, almost in these very words: "You peijured malefactor, do this and so or the United States will attack you." And the addressee doesn't do it, and nothing happens. Or if he does do it, he counts it a mere temporary concession.

The United States has sent "vigorous" notes of that kind to Germany, Mexico, and Austria-Hungary and is threatening to bombard Great Britain with one of the same character.

After all, what's the difference whether one writes honeyed words or bitter ones—if the other side knows he's bluffing and won't make good unless positively driven into a corner?

The Illinois militiamen who fell by the wayside on a 10 mile hike to Leon Springs the other day had not properly trained themselves by walking from Camp Pershing to San Antonio street and return every night for two weeks.

The Silver City Normal proposes to add to its educative strength and to its standing as an institution by the addition of a \$20,000 science hall.

With 17,000 Howland heirs to share \$1,250,000, there is a chance for some merry scrambling.

## Short Snatches From Everywhere

How they all love the Progressives now!—Indianapolis Star.

"What is Americanism?" We shall have the answer in November.—Los Angeles Times.

U-boats actively seem to excite professional rivalry in the shark.—Wall Street Journal.

Diplomacy as a substitute for war wouldn't be so bad if we had any diplomacy.—Boston Transcript.

According to the new plan the Irish are going to rule Ireland and help rule England.—Brooklyn Times.

Democrats, in their disappointment and wild anger, talk as if Col. Roosevelt had deserted them.—Tulsa Blade.

By this time the gila monsters and horned lizards ought to know the "Star Spangled Banner" by heart.—Chicago News.

Marce Henry wants to take the northern part of Mexico, just as though we wouldn't still have a border.—Washington Post.

The fact that married guardians are to be sent home doesn't necessarily mean they won't see any fighting.—Shreveport Times.

We do not doubt that the women voters of the United States hold the balance of power. So do the women nonvoters.—Houston Post.

Mothers who believe that their growing boys ought to be president should read the campaign news and see what a lot of trouble is involved.—Chicago News.

It is hoped that no one touches the match to that oil which has been poured upon the troubled waters down on the Mexican border.—Tulsa (Okla.) Democrat.

Something tells us that before our militiamen finally reach the border these Boston & Maine day coaches they found some means of prying open the windows.—Boston Transcript.

It must be distressing to Mr. Wilson to realize that, regardless of how he handles the Mexican crisis, the column's next magazine article will show how it was exactly the wrong thing to do.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

## The Smile is One of the Finest Facial Decorations Think Sweet Thoughts and Keep Grin Hooked On

by HOWARD L. RANN.

THE smile is a wide crack in the human countenance running east and west. It is one of the finest decorations which can be put on the face, far exceeding in beauty and charm the string mustache and the bright red splashes imparted by the rouge pot.

The smile is caused by two things—the mind and the stomach. When a man's mind is all littered up with worry and his best customers order goods by telephone rather than face a long, threatening book account, the smile backs into some dark retreat and curls up in a corner. But when the cork comes in and the dulcet chimes of the cash register fall on the cocked ear of the proprietor, the mouth peels backward gently from ear to ear, exposing the remnants of a nice proud set of teeth. This teaches us that the way to wear a perpetual non-shrinking smile is to think sweet thoughts and refuse to look a sight draft in the face.

The state of the stomach also influences the smile, naturally, of most people. When the stomach is restless and distraught and acts as if it would

like to be engaged in some other line of work, it will not smile. One of the greatest heroes we have is the man who is able to summon a 16 rattle power smile whenever the same will him, chase a debt. We are reminded by this that the party given in distributing Carnegie medals to life savers and lending the sunny beamed sympathy is a greater disappointment than the presidential primaries.

When the smile reaches the acute stage of development, it is called a grin. The grin which is hooked on so that it cannot fall off the first time any little thing goes wrong, like more something into the house than a pleasure from picking. It more young women, in peering out at customers, would look to see whether the candidate wears a natural grin or a forced, insincere smile, they would go through life without knowing what the best-looking smile is like.

If we would all smile more our food would become more agreeable, our more popular at home. It doesn't cost anything to smile, but if it did, women and women we know would be a chronic case of bankruptcy. There is nothing sadder than a kind hearted butcher with a broad, six by six smile, for she carries a little bit of heaven around with her.

(Submitted by George Nathan Adams)

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## 14 YEARS AGO TODAY

From The Herald of This Date, 1902.

A NEW and attractive addition has been opened up by the smelter street car line called Mundy Heights, a short distance from the business district. The heights are on the high ground overlooking the valley and Juarez, and makes an ideal place for a home. A transformation has taken place during the past year, a park having been established in the

center of the heights, while a large number of trees and vegetation are in the process of cultivation.

Frank Coles left for New York city on business.

T. M. Wingo left for Kansas City last night on business.

P. A. Chiffen, a prominent mining man, arrived in the city from Chihuahua on business.

Mrs. Will Gaines accompanied by

## Summer Diet

IT'S seldom that I give advice, to readers, as to diet; the doctors do it, and their price has started many a riot. "Excelsior and basswood meal," the gifted doctor hollers, "you ought to eat, if good you'd feel—now cough up seven dollars." The summer's hard on brain and nerve, and makes us total-lossy; some simple rules we should observe, if we'd be feeling flossy. We ought to fill ourselves with greens, to reastin' ears be treated; for eating pork and beefsteak means that we'll be overheated. You wouldn't wear your winter duds when solar rays are busy, yet eating meat and starchy spuds is surely just as dirty. I journey forth with stately tread, where garden sass is growing, and eat a luscious cabbagehead, when hunger's pangs I'm knowing. No well done porterhouse for me! That diet is unholly; I pluck a turnip from the tree, and Fletcherize it slowly. No greasy drinks, but Adam's ale, around my stomach washes, and when I hunger I regale my works with prunes and squashes. By eating things like these my health is buttressed strong and pillared, and I will bet a slice of wealth that I can whip Jess Willard.

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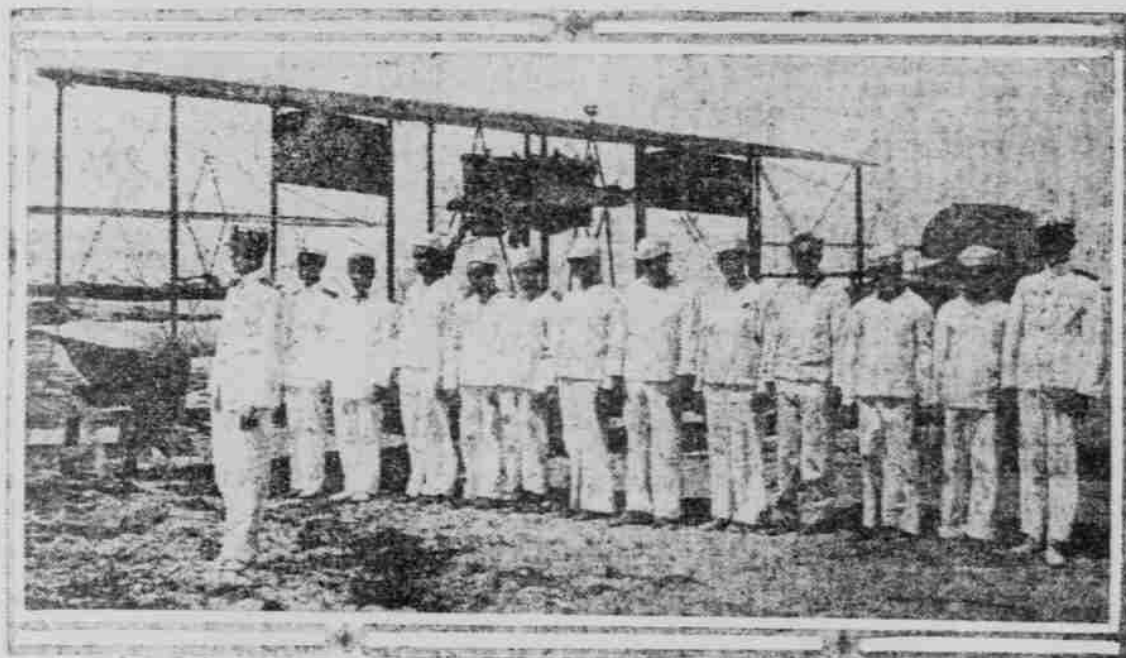
WALT MASON.

## RECRUITING SYSTEM STARTED TO FILL UP ARIZONA'S RANKS

Phoenix, Ariz., July 26.—A definite recruiting system has been outlined to secure volunteers from Arizona for the state's regiment on the border. Capt. Berkeley Knoche, 11th infantry, stationed at Douglas, has been placed in charge of the work, with stations also at Yuma, El Paso and Globe. These stations are to be in charge of officers of the Arizona regiment, assisted by details of enlisted men from the line and medical corps.

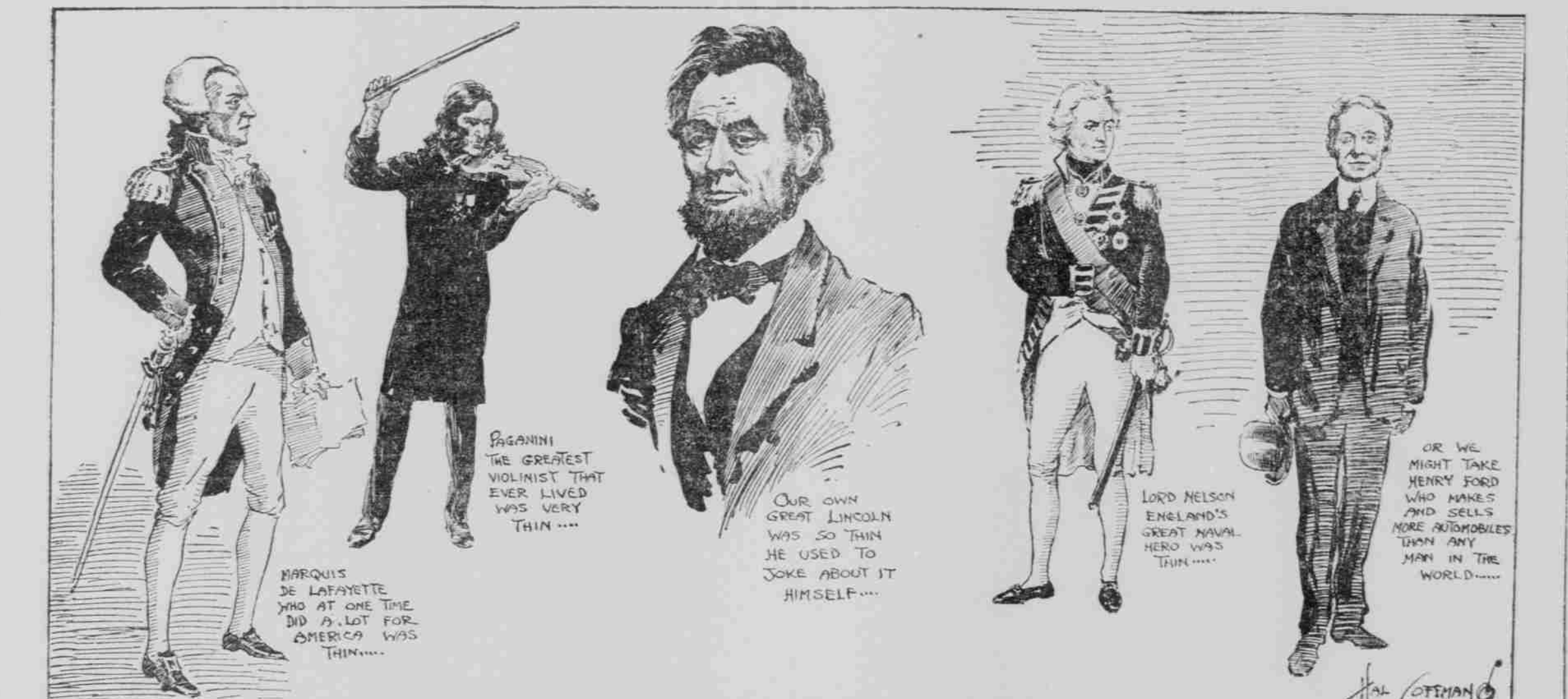
DEAR MR. KABIBBLE,  
MY WIFE HAS GONE TO THE  
COUNTRY—SHOULDN'T SHE WRITE  
ME EVERY DAY?  
YES—IF YOU HAVEN'T  
TRIED IT BEFORE, YOU'LL  
FIND FIGHTING BY MAIL  
VERY INTERESTING!

## AERO STUDENTS AND PLANE



Above is shown the 1st Battalion of New York Naval militia learning military flying at its Bay Shore (Long Island, N. Y.) camp. This is the outfit of which Vincent Astor is the ensign.

## NEVER MIND IF THEY CALL YOU "SKINNY" - BY HAL COFFMAN



Here are a few men not noted for a word, although they've done pretty well, thank you, in their own lines. Doesn't appear to matter much whether you're thin or fat. If your brain and heart work all right

## AMARILLO ELECTION FURNISHES SURPRISES

Amarillo, Tex., July 26.—In the primary election W. E. Gee defeated Thomas McBride for county judge and Ray Johnson remained county attorney. Sheriff Burwell was reelected over two opponents. Will Thompson remains tax collector and Less Whitaker tax assessor.

The greatest interest centered in the candidates for district offices. There were four in the race for the vacancy on the court of civil appeals. Judges Knight, Harford, Elbert and Cavanaugh, and Buie, of Canyon, with the successful candidate, Will Boyce, of Amarillo. Mr. Boyce without an extensive campaign secured nearly as many votes as the others. Associate Justice Walker Hall of the seventh court of civil appeals of Amarillo, was candidate for the supreme court against Judge Yantis and defeated. The Panhandle gave Hall ten to one in votes. Judge Hall remains on the bench at Amarillo. Henry Bishop has been district attorney for 14 years and had served well, but Ernest Miller of Amarillo, defeated him by a big majority.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS IN SESSION

Austin, Texas, July 26.—With an attendance of about 150 county school superintendents in attendance, the first annual meeting of the County superintendents' institute opened with Prof. W. F. Doughty, state superintendent of public instruction presiding. As this is the first institute of this kind ever held in the state, Supt. Doughty outlined the work and purpose for holding the institute, stating that it is to get better cooperative results, and for the advancement of the educational welfare of the state. The meeting is being held in the hall of the house of representatives and will last for three days.

## MORENCI MAN ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF RAISING DRAFT

Clifton, Ariz., July 26.—Louis P. Harrison, formerly a stenographer in the offices of the Detroit Mining company at Morenci, has been taken into custody at Lone Beach, Cal., and will be returned at once, here to stand trial on a charge of raising a draft from \$2.50 to \$10.00.

## REGISTRATION IN ARIZONA SHOWS STATE DEMOCRATIC

Phoenix, Ariz., July 26.—Partial returns from the registration for the state primaries generally show a strength of two Democrats to one Republican. This condition is declared due to the fact that many Republicans have registered to vote for Okey at the Democratic primaries, while there is no contest on for the leading nomination at the gift of the Republicans. The combined Republican and Progressive strength is declared greater than that of the Democrats.



Everything is fair in love and war—or of your feet hurt. Bryan talks peace—but not for any price. (Copyright National Newspaper Service.)